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SR/2 Agents in Latvia

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1. Cryptonym: CAMBARO/2

True name: Leonids Brombergs.

S/W messages from agent are signed "Artur". He is known to CAMUSO/2 as "Andy" and to AECOB/3 and AECOB/4 as "Garais" (the tall one).

Last known location was c/o Erika Zvirgzdins, Sverdlova iela 7-15, Riga, according to his last S/W message (No. 15), dated 21 April 1955, he was planning to move to the Vidzeme coastal area.

Description of suitable LZ given by agent in his message of 24 February 1955: 1) 56.32.30 -22.21.06 2) 56.32.-22.21 3) 56.32-22.22. The center of the field is located according to the map Saldus 19 - from Kursisi Azimuth 315 distance 2,300 meters. The place is level, it is a forest meadow surrounded by small shrubs. The farmhouse "Dabes" has a few harmless inhabitants. There are no armed forces or busy highways in the vicinity. The only landmarks would be Saldus and the Venta River, possibly also the road Ezere-Saldus. The forests in the surrounding area were destroyed during the war and the remains look like a thicket with broken tree trunks. The area is level and lights would be visible for a long distance.

Description of two D.Z.'s given by agent in S/W message dated 6 December 1954: A. Map 1:75000 Usma 17. Dunes from the south end of Lake Usma Azimuth 89° Distance 8.6 kilometers (57°07'45" N 22°19'30" E). There are dunes in this place - several square kilometers of burned out forest area. The forest burned down 10 years ago and the remnants of the trees are completely decayed. The dune area itself is free of any trees. B. Map 1:75000 Engure 28. Farm fields from Klapkalns Azimuth 192° Distance 4.4 kilometer. (57°00'15" N, 23°21' E.) There is a forester's house "Izkopi" which was completely destroyed during the war; the fields belonging to the house are not under cultivation. The place is about 10 meters above the level of a small river so that it is always dry. In the vicinity of both D.Z.'s there are no Russians or civilians residents of any importance.

~~Money cache (5,000 Rubles) - On the Vidzeme Highway 80.8 kilometers from Riga, in the vicinity of Gesis. There is a telephone pole No. 42201. The cache is 1 meter from this pole (between the pole and the highway) at a depth of 15 centimeters.~~

Control and compromise indicators to be used by Cambaro/2 :

- In the overt text the date is written "21./IV.55" in order to show freedom from control.
- The first word of the third sentence of the covert text begins with the letter "A" in order to show freedom from control.

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- c. The final period of the last sentence of the covert text is omitted in order to show freedom from control.
- d. The covert message is signed "Artur", correctly misspelled in order to show freedom from control.
- e. The date of the covert text is written in proper form (21./IV.55) to the right of the signature in order to show freedom from control.

In the Latvian text of our messages we address the agent as "Tu" and refer to ourselves in the first person singular "Es".

Cambaro/2 has recruited agents AECOB/3 and AECOB/4, who are now operating independently.

He has also recruited the following helpers:

AECOB/5, true name Peteris Rungis, a veterinarian, residing at Visbijas prospekts 19-1, Riga. He is witting. Cambaro/2 has been staying with him for a while. If an overt letter from AECOB/5 is signed with a name beginning with the letter "J", the letter will contain S/W. Letters to him are to be mailed only from within the USSR.

Milda Podnieks, a former girl-friend of Cambaro/2, residing at Indramu iela 4-3, Riga. Agent stayed with her for some time. She is unwitting.

Recognition signal for AECOB/5: In contacting him, the question is asked: "Does Petrovs live here?" - His reply: "No, he lives on Gaujas iela."

Safehouse: Janis Ozolins, "Rednieku" majas, 7 km. from Kandava, on the road Kandava-Sabile. He is a bookkeeper of an MTS. Password: "Does the caretaker of the Cikunde graveyard, Ozolina, live here?" - Answer: "I do not know her, but I think a caretaker named Vitols or Vitolins works in Cikunde."

Our last W/T message (LTQOREQ) was transmitted to CAMBARO/2 on 18 X May 1955. In this message he was instructed to prepare a course of detailed instructions on the use of a liquid S/W, which were to be cached for the future use of agents in Latvia.

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2. Cryptonym: CAMUSO/2.

True name: Edvins Ozolins.

S/W messages from agent are signed "Herbert". In Camuso/2's messages, he is usually referred to as "Orange" (friend).

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Last known location was, according to S/W message/dated 19 March 1955, c/o "Jekabs" (Acob/9). Exact address: "Birzuli", in Jelgava Rayon, Lielauku Ciema Padome. In this house lives the forester Jekabs Pasups with his wife and youngest daughter. The Birzuli house is located 5 km from the nearest house - Glides - both of these houses are shown on Map 33-Jelgava Quadrant 090 - 075 - 072. Jekabs is unwitting.

Camuso/2 also stated in his message No. 31 that he would stay with Jekabs until the summer and then will stay either with "George" (AECOB/2) or "a former girl-friend at the sea shore".

Money cache (10,000 rubles): In Lithuania, on the Riga-Siauliai Highway, 107 kilometers 700 meters from Riga. On one side of the road is a telephone pole with the inscription Nr. 28202; 17 paces from this pole the hedge along the side of the highway ends. Behind the hedge, one pace from the end in the direction of Siauliai, the package is buried approximately 20 cm deep. This spot is located 20 km from Siauliai in the direction of Riga. - In our W/T message No. 55 transmitted 30 May 1955, CAMUSO/2 was instructed to have his helper "George" retrieve the money cached; CAMUSO/2 was to take 5,000 rubles for himself and bury the rest in the vicinity of Riga, outside the city. He was to make the cache himself and notify us of its location as soon as possible.

Control and compromise indicators used by CAMUSO/2:

- a. "VILKSI GAUDA" at the beginning of the message, correctly misspelled to show freedom from control.
- b. Signature "HERBERT" properly misspelled in the covert text in order to show freedom from control.
- c. Date and city written in the lower left-hand corner of the covert text in order to show freedom from control.
- d. The salutation "KUNGAI" in the covert text.
- e. The letter "j" written with a large loop in the overt text in order to show freedom from control.

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CAMUSO/2 has recruited agents AECOB 1 and AECOB 2 (see below).

He has also recruited AECOB/6 (Janis Lapsnikovs) as a cut-out for receiving mail from within the USSR. Nickname "Lapsa". He is a music teacher at the Emil Darzin High School of Music in Riga, Raina bulvars 23.

CAMUSO/2 receives W/T messages under "LIMANCP".

3. Cryptonym: AECOB/1. True name: Voldis Viksna. Nickname "Fredis".

Locksmith-mechanic, does building repair work for the Riga Building Repair Bureau, located at Valguma iela 10/12, Riga. AECOB/1's former letter drop can no longer be used. CAMUSO/2 was instructed to tell AECOB/1 to find a suitable cut-out for receiving mail from us. However, until now AECOB/1 has been unable or reluctant to provide a cut-out.

4. Cryptonym: AECOB/2. True name: Zorzs Klavins. Nickname "Georgs".

CAMUSO/2's main helper. Address: Lenina iela 114, Apt.13, Riga. Works as a garage manager in the Latvian Republic Council of Trade Unions. His family consists of his wife and two children. He lives in a separate apartment in a 4-story building. CAMUSO/2 listens to our broadcasts in AECOB/2's apartment. As garage manager, AECOB/2 can get an automobile for his personal needs at any time. CAMUSO/2 has stayed at "George's" place most frequently.

5. Cryptonym: AECOB/3. True name: Arturs Stankevics. Alias "Oskars". Address: Indriku iela 49-6, Riga. School teacher. Recruited and trained in S/W and W/T receiving by CAMUSO/2.

Control and compromise indicators:

- a. S/W message will end with a question mark.
- b. S/W message will be signed "Osskars".
- c. Overt text will end with the same word the covert text begins with.
- d. An X is used instead of a period at the end of the first sentence of covert text.
- e. A word beginning with the letter "V" is used as the first word of the fourth sentence of overt text.

Recognition signal: To establish contact with AECOB/3, contact man will say to him "You look a lot like a man I know named Joe Killer. Could he

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possible be your relative ? - Oskars will answer: "No, I know a Hugo Miller, but I'm not his relative either."

In the Latvian text of our messages to AECOB/3 we address him as "Tu" and refer to ourselves in the first person plural "Mes".

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The last S/W message/received from AECOB/3 was dated 19 April 1955.

The last W/T message (No.11) under LTRAVID CT was transmitted 11 June 1955.

6. Cryptonym: AECOB/4. True name: Elmars Rupners. Alias: Peteris.

Receives mail addressed to Elmara Harald, Daugavpils iela 68-2, Riga. Writes to Herta Albins bei Frau Doerer, Alteburgstrasse 78, Reutlingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany, who remails letters to Albins Sietinsons, c/o R.C.Eubnitz Jr., 19435 Pierson St., Detroit 19, Mich.

AECOB/4 was trained in S/W writing and developing by CAMBARO/2.

Our last S/W message (No.2) was sent 12 May 1955 (mailed from Reutlingen 8 June 1955). An overt letter dated 10 February 1955, addressed to Herta Albins, was received, but no S/W was found on it.

AECOB/4's wife, Velta Rupners, resides at 193-28 39th Ave, Flushing, N.Y. A provisional covert security approval has been granted to use her as a cut-out for the receipt of operational mail from Latvia.

Recognition signal for AECOB/4: He will be asked: "Were you in Jelgava last week to see Jekabsons ?" - "I was not in Jelgava, but in Cesis. How does he feel ?"

7. Cryptonym: CAMUSO/3. True name: Nikolajs Balodis. Known as "Boris" by CAMBARO/2 and CAMUSO/2.

Last known location: c/o Millers, Indrani, Umurgas ciema, Limbazu pagasta. Millers knows CAMUSO/3 as Nikolajs Putnadovs.

Letter drop: Almars Lasis, Marlijas majas, Vitupes ciema, Limbazu rajona. Lasis is an acquaintance of Millers.

CAMUSO/3 receives and transmits messages under the LTRAVID Plan. All of his control and compromise indicators contained in recent messages indicate control:

a. "SNIEKS KUST" properly spelled in the heading indicates control. (Should be "Snieks gust")

b. Absence of "SLIPENI" in the heading indicates control.

c. Use of confirmation digit "3" at the conclusion of the message indicates control (freedom from control is shown by ending with "2").

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Additional money cache provided by JKPFA:

A package containing 10,000 rubles has been cached at BULDURI, Rigas Jurmala (10 klm NW of Riga on the coast). From the end of "Line 12" (a well known street in Bulduri) a small footpath leads to the sea. To the left of this path, some 170 paces from the end of Line 12, there is a pine tree. On this pine tree is a triangular tin plate bearing the inscription "Attention, citizens - observe the instructions against forest fires". The package has been buried in the sand at the root of this pine tree. A small triangle has been carved in the bark just above the exact spot.

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